



COMMENCEMENT

A graduate of Red Hill High School, Representative Rustman received an associate of arts degree from Joplin Junior College, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Missouri Southern State University, and a master's degree from Pittsburg State University.

Representative Rustman lives in Newton County. She and her husband, Richard, have three children, Peter, Pamela and Morgan and two grandchildren.

WINTER 2004

Forty-third Commencement

10 o'clock a.m. • Saturday • December 18, 2004 • Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation

Dr. Pat Lipira

Head, Department of Kinesiology, School of Education

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Julio S. León

President, Missouri Southern State University

Address

Marilyn Ruestman

Missouri State Representative

Presentation of Class

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Nii Abrahams

President Elect, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Benediction

Dr. Pat Lipira

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.

About the Speaker



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARILYN RUESTMAN

Representative Marilyn Ruestman, represents part of Newton and McDonald counties (District 131) in the House of Representatives. She was elected to the House in November 2002 and re-elected in November 2004.

She was elected treasurer of the freshman class of the 92nd General Assembly, president of the Women Legislators of Missouri, appointed to the Missouri Women's Council, and selected legislator of the year by the Missouri Bar Association. In November 2004, Representative Ruestman was elected Caucus Secretary for the House of Representatives, making her a member on the Leadership Team.

In addition to her legislative duties, Representative Ruestman is co-owner of Ruestman Development Company. Prior to being elected she served as district coordinator for U.S. Congressman Mel Hancock and as district director for Missouri State Senator Marvin Singleton.

Representative Ruestman attends First United Methodist Church. She served as Republican state committeewoman. She has also served as president of the following civic organizations: Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce; Soroptimist International of Joplin, Metro Exchange Club; The Boys and Girls Club of Joplin, and Joplin Federated Republican Women.

A recipient of the Woman of the Year from the Missouri Federated Republican Women, Representative Ruestman has also received the following awards: Woman of Distinction from Soroptimist International, Missouri State Volunteer Project of the Year; and was a national winner for Students in Free Enterprise competition. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

A graduate of Noel High School, Representative Ruestman has received an associate of arts Degree from Joplin Junior College, bachelor's degree from Missouri Southern State University, and master's degree from Pittsburg State University.

Representative Ruestman lives in Newton County. She and her husband, Richard, have three children, Peter, Pamela and Morgan and two granddaughters.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Campbell, Thomas P

Essley, Lisa Marie

Head, Stefany Ranae

Eck, Therese Agnes‡†

Harlow, Amanda Nicole

Smith, Cameron Lee†

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Aichele, Veronica Suzanne

Fukumoto, Yuri

Moore, Ruthie Captola

Brand, Judith M.

Glasco, Derrick Michael†

Schuberger, Heather Jolene

Do, Hoang Thai

Lunceford, Myla J.

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Aldrichetti, Melissa Marie

Fick, Lauren Nicole

Salkil, Amnesty Dawn

Baldwin, Sudy L.

Gayman, Jonathan Seth

Scott, Lori

Berry, Sarah Lynn

Hewlett, Lisa M.

Watts, Tara Renae

Clark, Brenda E.

Kew, Sonya Michelle

Wilson, Julie Lyn

Cottrell, Grant Matthew

Koester, Natalie Marie

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Bothe III, Erwin Arevine

Ehernberger, Assunta Marie ‡

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Ainsworth, Cary R.

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Hall, Angela L.

Nauta, Kathleen Ann

Stout, Irina A.

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

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| Ayala, Holly Danielle Spanish Independence, KS | Fleshman, Krystal Lynn English Unionville | Kline, Katrina Kay Chemistry Seneca | Ray, Melissa LeAnn Political Science Joplin |
| Bounous, Kasandra Leigh History Monett | Foster, Daryl Thomas Music Webb City | Konstanzer, Lyda Melissa Art Mt. Vernon | Rosado, Robin Leigh Sociology Carl Junction |
| Boyd, Karena Denise English Carthage | Gayman, Jonathan Seth Music Schell City | Lukunka, Barbra Nzama International Studies Zambia | Scott, Lori Communication Joplin |
| Butler, Jennifer Renea Communication Joplin | Gipson, Frank Ross English Carthage | Meeker, Bethany M. English Joplin | Shirk, Morgan Miquette Chemistry Joplin |
| Campbell III, Walter Scott Art Carthage | Godsey, Sarah M. Spanish Joplin | Miller, Jr., Bill R. Chemistry Nevada | Smith, Kristen Michelle Communication Jefferson City |
| Clements, Linda Kay Art Joplin | Gowen, Christina Michelle Political Science Carl Junction | Moss, Robert Eugene Communication Carl Junction | Thompson, Kathryn May English Joplin |
| Cook, Jeremiah Lanz Communication Joplin | Henry, Mica R. Political Science Joplin | Murphy, Susie Communication Neosho | Wallace, David VanKirk Music Webb City |
| Cottrell, Grant Matthew Art Carthage | Hicks, Cynthia Diane Sociology Joplin | Nunley, Amanda Kay Political Science Cassville | Wood, Darcy Briana English Carthage |
| Divine, Aaron Pritchard History Joplin | Himmelsbach, Vincent M. History Neosho | Oehlschlager, Virginia Anne Communication Mt. Vernon | Zajdel, Nicole Marie Theatre Joplin |
| Duggdale, Jeffrey N. Spanish Salt Lake City, UT | Hughes, Ryan Paul Communication Joplin | Overdeer, Danny Clark Spanish Joplin | Johnson, Elizabeth A. Communication Carthage |
| Fiedler, Elizabeth Kathleen Art Joplin | Johnson, Stormi D. History Granby | Pawlus, Kimberly Ann Communication Webb City | Johnson, Matthew Michael Finance and Economics Joplin |
| Koch, Brenda Kay Nursing Wichita, KS | King, Krista Communication Carthage | Koch, Sandra Kay Communication Oxford Park, WI | Koop, Andrea Taylor Communication Carthage |
| Brooks, Samantha Karen Health Services Tulsa, Oklahoma | King, Abby Isabelle General Business Carthage, Missouri/Kansas | Koch, Samuel Robert General Studies Carthage | Lake, Sarah Meghan Marketing Joplin |
| Bryant, Eliza L. Marketing Austin | Coons, Phyllis A. General Business Tulsa, Oklahoma/Kansas | Hill, Brandon Lee Management Sand Springs, OK | Leacock, Thomas, Jr. General Business Tulsa, Oklahoma/Kansas |

Bachelor of Science

Aldrighetti, Melissa Marie
Sociology
 Joplin

Altheide, Travis Steven
Biology
 Joplin

Bowles, Holly Jean
Mathematics
 Sarcoxie

Burpo, Ryan Dean
Mathematics
 Oronogo

Campbell, Thomas P.
Computational Mathematics
 Neosho

Craig, Phyllis Allene
Sociology
 Webb City

Darr, Heather Louise
Biology
 Miami, OK

Davis, Brandon D.†
Biology
 Monett

Eck, Therese Agnes ‡‡
Biology
 Sarcoxie

Fukumoto, Yuri
Biology
 Yokohama, Japan

Glasco, Derrick Michael †
Biology
 Nevada

Good, Bethany Nicole
Sociology
 Nevada

Henson, James Van
Physics
 Joplin

Herbert, Christy Lane
Biology
 Seneca

Holt, John Dylan
Biology
 Carterville

Hunter, Daniel E.
Sociology
 Independence

Koester, Natalie Marie
Biology
 Joplin

McLaughlin, Daryl G.
Sociology
 Joplin

Meyer, Morgan Elizabeth
Sociology
 Joplin

Parrigon, Christopher Robert
Environmental Health
 Joplin

Smith, Cameron Lee †
Biology
 Baxter Springs, KS

Smith, Jana Lynn
Sociology
 Nevada

Smith, Jared Richard
Sociology
 Rogers, AR

Stewart, Justin Michael
Biology
 Neosho

Todd, Edith Ellen Apple
Environmental Health
 Lamar

VanWinkle, Matthew D.
Mathematics
 Neosho

Wilson, Sara DeAnne
Sociology
 Carl Junction

Wyrick, Anastasia D.
Biology
 Oronogo

Aldrighetti, Melissa Marie
 Sociology
 Joplin

Eck, Therese Agnes
 Biology
 Sarcoxie

Holt, John Dylan
 Biology
 Carterville

Smith, Jana Lynn
 Sociology
 Nevada

Second Honors

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GPA Point Average 3.80 - 3.20

Altheide, Travis Steven

Third Honors
GPA Point Average 3.70 - 3.00

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Herbert, Christy Lane

Holt, John Dylan

Hunter, Daniel E.

Koester, Natalie Marie

McLaughlin, Daryl G.

Meyer, Morgan Elizabeth

Parrigon, Christopher Robert

Smith, Cameron Lee †

Wilson, Sara DeAnne

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

Flatter, Jason Kent

Management Technology
Carl Junction

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Jennifer Marie

Marketing/Management
Powell

Alumbaugh, Pedren Bynum

Finance and Economics
Carthage

Bacon, Michael W.

Finance and Economics
Neosho

Balster, Christie M.

Management
Jasper

Baptiste, Bronti A.M.

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Barber, Paul Heath

Management
Phillipsburg

Bates, Andrew

Management
Jasper

Belew, Jamie Lynn

Management
Appleton City

Best, Brenda Kay

Accounting
Vinita, OK

Brathwaite, Bernadette Naomi

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Bryant, Elisa L

Marketing
Joplin

Burrow, Brandon Kyle

Marketing
Webb City

Catanzaro, Jr., Mark Patrick

Finance and Economics
St. Louis

Charles, Delight

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Clay, Nathan

Management
Cherryvale, KS

Clemons, Bessy Marie

Accounting
Joplin

Cupp, Karen Lee

Management
Joplin

Davies, Amoret P.

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Dawson, Lucia J.

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Do, Hoang Thai

International Business
Garden Grove, CA

Ellis, Mitsy Jamelle

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Evans, Phyllis A.

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Fahie, Lorna R.

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Farrington, Cleave Michael

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Faucett, Gavin Sky

Management
Carthage

Franks, Karen Lane

Marketing/Management
Jasper

Freeman, Shannon Ray

Marketing
Jefferson City

Harlow, Amanda Nicole

Accounting
Mountain View

Harrold, Erica Lynne

General Business
Diamond

Hartner, Christine Louise

Accounting
Diamond

Hasty, Sandra Kay

International Business
Overland Park, KS

Hess, Samuel August

General Business
Carthage

Hill, Brandon Lee

Management
Sand Springs, OK

Hull, Julie Jo

Management
Lanagan

Hummel, Krissy Dawn

Management
Webb City

Hunt, Dustin Michael

International Business
Joplin

Irwin, Ruby Merlene Ingalls

Accounting
Lamar

Jacob II, Matthew C.

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Jinks, Andrew Dale

Finance and Economics
Diamond

Johnson, Elizabeth A.

Management
Corning, AR

Johnston, Matthew Nicholas

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Keen, Amber Jayleen

General Business
Cassville

Lais, Sarah Meghan

Marketing
Joplin

Leacock-Thomas, Yvonne

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Lunceford, Myla J.
Accounting/Finance and Economics
Joplin

Major, Matthew Ray
Finance and Economics
Neosho

McCoy, Yolanda M.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

McDaniel, Karen Anderson
Accounting
Carthage

Morgan, Jessica Catherine
Accounting/General Business
Anderson

Morrison-Jones, Maureen
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Parker, Adam Ryan
Management
Joplin

Parker, Sabrina A.
General Business
Springfield

Patterson, Michelle Sher're
Finance and Economics/Marketing
Miami, OK

Perrin, Patrick
Management
Sarcoxie

Pierce, Amy Lynn
Accounting/Finance and Economics
Pierce City

Potter, Esther Lurena
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Proctor, Nathaniel
Finance and Economics
Olathe, KS

Proctor, Nicholas
General Business
Olathe, KS

Randles, Mitchell David
Management
Joplin

Reding, Donna Renee
General Business
Neosho

Romney, Ashmore Ernest
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Rumbos, Gustavo Adolfo
International Business
Venezuela

Ruscha, Adam Justin
Management
El Dorado Springs

Salkil, Amnesty Dawn
Accounting
Enid, OK

Salway, Celestine
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Schiller, Kevin Michael
Management
Webb City

Sesler, Sherry Lee
General Business
Joplin

Sharp, Toni Marie
General Business
Duenweg

Sill, Amanda Joleen
General Business
Loveland, CO

Silva, Lucas Artur Escórcio Pereira E
International Business
Teresina-Piaui, Brazil

Smith, Lindsay Gail †
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Solomon, Agnita
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Tandy, Carmen Marie
Accounting
Joplin

Tignor, Jeremy Ray
Management
Joplin

Tyner, Mariah Charly
General Business
Commerce, OK

Walker, Shara
Accounting/Management
Webb City

Williams, Matthew Wayne
Marketing/Management
Joplin

Willis, Catherine M.
Management
Bronaugh

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Courtney, Chastity R.
Psychology
Neosho

Judd, Sarah Ann
Psychology
Neosho

Osborn, Teresa Lynnette
Psychology
Carthage

Swanson, Rachel Ann
Psychology
Granby

Bachelor of Science

Bauch, Jon R.
Psychology
Blue Springs

Dobler, Lance A.
Psychology
Pierce City

Hamersley, Tabitha Jo
Psychology
Sheldon

Jones, Alisha Marie
Psychology
Reeds

Mahan, Stacie
Psychology
Neosho

Overman, Katherine Renee
Psychology
Columbus, KS

Pendleton, Micha Marie
Psychology
Mt. Vernon

Pogue, Sarah Nicole
Health Promotion and Wellness
Neosho

Watts, Tara Renae
Psychology
Joplin

Berry, Sarah Lynn
Elementary Education
Webb City

Bormann, Jennifer L.
Elementary Education
Republic

Boyer, Holly D.
Art Education
Noel

Branscum, Anthony Mark
Physical Education
Neosho

Brattin, Tricia Mary
Elementary Education
Carthage

Broglio, Ellen L.
English Education
Joplin

Brown, April D.
Elementary Education
Monett

Carey, Jennifer Kay
Elementary Education
Joplin

Carrier, Pamala Jo
Elementary Education
Joplin

Cashel, Chelsey Ann Dorothy
Physical Education
Neosho

Choate, Sandra Pauline
Elementary Education
Fairview

Christensen, Travis D.
Theatre/Speech Communication Education
Neosho

Clark, Brenda E.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Clark, Susan Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Kansas City

Cox, Ashley Renee
Elementary Education
Joplin

Davis, Holly Rae
Elementary Education
Bentonville, AR

DeGruson, Carry Stewart
Theatre/Speech Communication Education
Joplin

Dillard, Jennifer Lynne
Elementary Education
Joplin

Divine, Kelli Diane
Middle School Education
Lamar

Dudley, Marjorie Michele
Elementary Education
Joplin

Elmer, Joshua Michael
Physical Education
Fairland, OK

Engleman, Joy Renee
Elementary Education
Joplin

Essley, Lisa Marie
Middle School Education
Cassville

Estep, Stacey Lynne
Elementary Education
Mountain Grove

Fick, Lauren Nicole
Elementary Education
Columbia

Flowers, Susan Barlet
Physical Education
Joplin

Fox, Jennifer Lynn
Elementary Education
Fair Play

Grimmett, Bethany Michelle
Elementary Education
Webb City

Head, Stefany Ranae
English Education
Webb City

Heffner, Gary Steven
Middle School Education
Webb City

Hewlett, Lisa M.
Art Education
Bella Vista, AR

Hinman, Carmi L.
Elementary Education
Webb City

Jackson, Darlene Kate
Elementary Education
Webb City

Johnson, Robert Seth
Physical Education
Neosho

Kew, Sonya Michelle
Elementary Education
Carthage

Kuhler, Stephanie Rae
Art Education
Duenweg

Lanz, Emalie Elaine
Elementary Education
Liberal

Lee, Kelsey Jo
Elementary Education
Neosho

Love, Misty Michelle
Elementary Education
Webb City

Lowrance, Brooke Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Joplin

McCaffrey, Julie Annette
Elementary Education
Joplin

McNaught, John Lee
Middle School Education
Cassville

Millican, Becky Lynn
Elementary Education
Springfield

Moore, Ruthie Captola
Elementary Education
Dennis, KS

Moser, Brenten Brooks*Physical Education*
Joplin**Moss, Gala***Elementary Education*
Saginaw**Mutert, Kimberly Ann***Physical Education*
Washington**Myers, Jennifer Ann***Elementary Education*
Pomona**Myers, Kerri Lynn***Elementary Education*
Nevada**Norman, DaNae Janice***Elementary Education*
El Dorado Springs**Palmer, John Charles***Elementary Education*
Pierce City**Phillips, Victoria Lynn***Art Education*
Neosho**Pierce, Brooke Annette***Middle School Education*
Joplin**Ragsdale, Scott Aaron***Business Education*
Oronogo**Rapp, Ryan Jennings***Physical Education*
Rockville**Ross, Hillary Nicole***Business Education*
Clubb**Russell, Coral Linn***Elementary Education*
Joplin**Shepherd, Scott Spencer***Spanish Education*
Joplin**Sherrell, Shonna Michelle***Physical Education*
Joplin**Shuls, James Virgil***Elementary Education*
Villa Ridge**Smith, Jennifer R.***English Education*
Joplin**Smith, John W.***Elementary Education/Middle School Education*
Nevada**Spiering, Zachary Eric***Social Science Education*
Joplin**Staat, Carolyn Renee***Middle School Education*
St. Louis**Stebbins, Laurel Brock***Elementary Education*
Carl Junction**Testman, Michelle Rene***Elementary Education*
Carl Junction**Timbrel, Kenneth Raymond***Elementary Education*
Joplin**Trombley, Adria Lee***Elementary Education*
Duenweg**Watt, Anna Becky***Unified Science Biology Education*
Joplin**Wilson, Sean Kevin***Elementary Education*
Neosho

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Baldwin, Kris Allen*Criminal Justice Administration*
Neosho**Barnes, Shane Allen***Criminal Justice Administration*
Miami, OK**Belcher, Brian J.***Computer Information Science*
Miami, OK**Braden, Joshua Ryan***Computer Information Science*
Pittsburg, KS**Brigman, Jr., Doyle Stanley***Computer Information Science*
Aurora**Burrow, Stephanie Jo***Criminal Justice Administration*
Parsons, KS**Campbell, Thomas P.***Computer Information Science*
Neosho**Christiansen, Paige Lauren***Criminal Justice Administration*
Pittsburg, KS**Claussen, Joshua Lucas***Computer Information Science*
Joplin**Cottle, James Patrick***Computer Information Science*
Cassville**Donham, Crystal Kaye***Criminal Justice Administration*
Webb City**Dugdale, Jeffrey N.***Computer Information Science*
Salt Lake City, UT**Garoutte, Valerie Mae***Criminal Justice Administration*
Aurora**Haase, Justin Lee***Criminal Justice Administration*
Carl Junction**Heiskell, Dustin Lane***Criminal Justice Administration*
Golden City**Hockensmith, Heidi Leigh***Criminal Justice Administration*
Blue Springs**Jensen, Jeremy D.***Computer Information Science*
Monett**Johnson, Josh Edward***Criminal Justice Administration*
Joplin**Kent, Jason M.***Criminal Justice Administration*
Joplin**Kinder, Clint Lee***Criminal Justice Administration*
Joplin

Koenig, Gary J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Pierce City

Larson, Katherine Anne
Criminal Justice Administration
Timpson, TX

Lazarus, Richard
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Lindsey, Darren Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Maute, Kristin Lee Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Mays, Brian D.
Computer Information Science
Carl Junction

Miller, Bruce Gaylord
Computer Information Science
Colville, WA

Musselman, Jessica E.
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson, IN

O'Sullivan III, Thomas Marshall
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Patterson, Kevin E.
Computer Information Science
Duenweg

Pendleton, Patrick J.
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Roark, Justin Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
S. Greenfield

Schuberger, Heather Jolene
Criminal Justice Administration
Columbus, KS

Talley, Brian Avery
Management Technology (MIMS)
Carthage

Thogmartin, Robert Thomas
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Torres, Natalie Anne
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Wilson, Julie Lyn
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Bachelor of General Studies

Aichele, Veronica Suzanne
General Studies
Springfield

Baldwin, Sudy L.
General Studies
Joplin

Bauer, Rebecca Dawn
General Studies
Verona

Bilke, Randy Joe
General Studies
Grove, OK

Boessen, Kimberly Marie
General Studies
Joplin

Keister, Mark Jonathan
General Studies
Piedmont

Miller, Titia Frances Kaye
General Studies
Joplin

Morris, Jennifer Lynn
General Studies
Joplin

Reed, Sarah Elizabeth
General Studies
Joplin

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Academic Attire



As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

Our Mission

*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri;
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.

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